

We Are His Disciples "On The Way" to Emmaus

Reflection of the 3rd Sunday of Easter

We have all travelled the Road To Emmaus! In one way or another, we have all had our hopes dashed, our dreams shattered, or our Catholic faith tested--especially during this COVID-19 pandemic.

In a vivid sense, we are His disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). As Jesus Christ joins us on the way, He opens up the sacred Scriptures to us in order for us to discover our cross (+) in the plan of Almighty God. We ask Christ to spend time with us and so we do recognize His presence in "the breaking of His word" and "breaking of the Bread." Now, we too can say, "the Lord has truly been raised!"

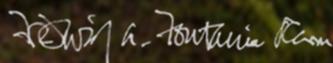
We have felt His "Real Presence" with us and have encountered Jesus Christ in Holy Communion many times as well as been challenged by His word or by a homily by a priest, deacon, or by your pastor (HA!).

We, too, know and realize that the Holy Spirit can transform us, can renew us, and recreate within us a restored faith, hope, love, as well as inner peace and joy again and again repeatedly.

In fact, many of you have expressed a deep longing and a real hungering for Jesus Christ in the Eucharist which had been suspended during this crisis. Pray extra fervently to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit so that this COVID-19 pandemic ends and we can once again return to Holy Mass and really "value" Jesus' "Real Presence" in Holy Communion.

As you already know in your "heart of hearts," we do encounter Christ "every time" we celebrate Holy Mass: when the Holy Scriptures are proclaimed and explained in the light of Christ by the homilist just as His two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and in the breaking of the Bread, as encountered in the "Real Presence" of Jesus Christ— both in Holy Scripture and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Paz en Cristo!



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